

City of Alexandria, Virginia

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

Thursday, June 23, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

Charles Houston Community Center

901 Wythe St.

Alexandria, VA 22314

Summary Minutes

Commission Members: Jennifer Atkins, Chair, Judith Coleman, Vice Chair, Gina Baum, Michael Peter, Jess O'Connell.

Absent: Stephen Beggs, Rich Brune, Secretary, Danielle Baker, Angela Lalwani, Catherine Poulin, Brian McPherson.

RPCA Staff: James Spengler, Director, Robin DeShields, Executive Assistant, William Chesley, Deputy Director, Recreation Services, Dinesh Tiwari, Deputy Director, Park Operations, Dana Wedeles, Park Planner.

Absent: Jack Browand, Division Chief, Park Planning, Design and Capital Improvement Program, William Chesley, Deputy Director, Recreation Services.

Guests: Stacy Chittick, Bill Dickinson, Gregory Faloye, Paul Gilbert, Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NOVA Parks), Ed Goeas, Elisabeth Lardner, Jeff Newhouse, Judy Noritake, David Pritzker, William (Bill) Rivers, Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics (AAA), Cara Smith, PLA, ASLA, Lardner Klein Landscape Architects, P.C., Pat Sullivan, John Timmons, Elizabeth Wright.

Other City Staff: none.

I. **Call to Order:** Chair Jennifer Atkins called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. There was not quorum of members present.

II. **Public Hearing:**

a. **Recommended Concept Plan for the Braddock Neighborhood Park, 600 N. Henry St.**

Dana Wedeles, Park Planner gave a brief update. See presentation (pg. 1) posted at <https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/recreation/info/PRCBraddockParkPresentation10March2016.pdf>

Wedeles said the P&RC had received several briefings on the project, and the final Concept Plan ("Plan") for the permanent 1-acre park was presented to the P&RC on March 10, 2016. She said the goal of this meeting is to receive public comments and approval from the P&RC of the "Plan". She said based on recommendations the "Plan" will become the guiding document for redevelopment of the block, and that the current Braddock Interim Park will stay in place until the long term redevelopment of the site is completed. Wedeles asked if there were any questions on the process or the "Plan".

Atkins asked if there were any changes to the "Plan" since the March 10 meeting. Wedeles said the "Plan" went back to the Braddock Implementation Advisory Group (BIAG) and there were no further changes to the plan itself. In response to Baum, she said the "Plan" will include natural elements such as boulders and climbing features rather than just catalog type play equipment.

Public Comment: Judy Noritake, President, Braddock Metro Citizen Coalition (BMCC), and President of the Braddock Implementation Advisory Group (BIAG), said the BMCC fully supports the “Plan”. She said this has been a long community process to weigh in on park’s future, and that consultant Andropogon, has done a great job designing the concept plan for the permanent 1-acre park, on this small site in a dense urban environment. Noritake said there is a lot of development underway in the area, and the permanent park will be the center of the community. She said lessons learned from the development of the Braddock Interim Park Plan, is that having a lawn area helps serve many people in the community. She said that the lawn is the ideal size and that the small scale recreation activities (i.e. ping pong, and other games) have been extremely popular, and have helped activate the park. She hopes the "fairy" lights overhead can be duplicated in the new park. They hope that the ground floor of the future development will contain uses that will help activate the park. She said her dream is to have a culinary training program that serves the community on the first floor opening out onto the park plaza next to the building.

Motion: O’Connell moved to close the public hearing, Baum seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Action: The P&RC did not have a quorum and this item will be added to the July docket for approval.

b. **Lease Agreement between the City of Alexandria and the Northern Virginia**

Regional Park Authority for Cameron Run Regional Park: Dana Wedeles, Park Planner gave a brief presentation. The purpose of the public hearing was to receive comments from the public, and feedback from the Park and Recreation Commission on the future planning process for Cameron Run Regional Park. On June 18, 2016 City Council held a Public Hearing (Item #7.1, 14-5476) to receive input on a request by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NOVA Parks) to renew the lease for facilities at Cameron Run Regional Park (the current lease expires in 2021). City Council deferred action, directed staff and the P&RC to develop a planning process, in conjunction with community stakeholders (See Attached Memo from City Manager of 6/20/16). Staff will provide recommendations for the planning process to the P&RC in July and to City Council in the fall.

The presentation is posted at:

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/recreation/info/CameronRunParkPlan23June2016.pdf>

The City Manager’s letter of June 20, 2016 is posted at:

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/recreation/info/MemofromCityManagertoPRCChairReNOVA20June2016.pdf>

Public Comments:

1. **John Timmons**, Alexandria Soccer Association (ASA) representative, said he’s been involved with City fields for over twenty years. He said the consistency has been the community presence in the surrounding neighborhoods, which doesn’t really exist at Cameron Run. ASA’s programs have grown from 1800 to 4000 children over the last six years, which reflects school growth, and Alexandria City Public School (ACPS) projects a growth of 5% over the next decade. He said currently the City is constrained for facilities and the City’s CIP budget has no new capacity. He said the City needs a forward looking planning process that takes into account a ten-year period of expected population growth. He said there is a lot of recreational need in the City and many stakeholders; therefore it is important to look at any plan holistically.

2. **Bill Dickinson**, said he has lived in Alexandria for forty years, and served as Alexandria's representative to NOVA Parks for 12 years (3 as Chairman). During his tenure, Paul Gilbert Executive Director was hired, "who is very capable". Dickinson provided background on the Regional Park Authority. He said the "Park Authorities Act of Northern Virginia" passed in 1950, was spearheaded by Armistead Boothe, then State Delegate. He said the "Act" allowed two or more jurisdictions to join together to set up a regional park authority, however, it was silent on how to pay it. In 1959, Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, put together a coalition of representatives from Fairfax and Arlington Counties and Falls Church, and founded the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority. Gabrielson's primary goal was land conservation in Northern Virginia. In 1969 there was a lot of movement to preserve the historic Carlyle House in Alexandria. The City joined the Regional Park system, which would buy, upgrade, repair and operate Carlyle House, which still exists today. During the 1970's the City had few public parks. The Land and Water Conservation Fund was very robust at that time, and Eisenhower Valley was not heavily developed. NOVA Parks had designed a plan to build a wave pool for Fairfax County. Dayton Cook, former City Engineer and Director, Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES), persuaded NOVA Parks to build the wave pool in Alexandria on City parkland. Dickinson said the Cameron Run Regional Park is a great park for families that is fun and affordable. He said the Regional Park Authority is unique. He said most metropolitan park systems are designed to protect regional assets, and usually levy a tax upon the residents. He said, in the case of the NOVA Parks, they do not have the authority to levy taxes. Operating funds come from six jurisdictions. He said the Park Authority has done a great job and is about 82% self-generated revenue. He said the relationship with the City of Alexandria and NOVA Parks has been successful for over 50 years, and it is a great partnership and asset for the City. Note: See handout "NOVA Parks – Facilities Guide and Directory." **For more information visit <https://www.novaparks.com/>**

3. **David Pritzker** said he worked with Dickinson for over 12 years, until Pritzker's term ended last fall. He thanked Dickinson for providing background on NOVA Parks. He said the Park Authority is not a foreign organization that is draining the City's resources by operating Cameron Run Regional Park. On the contrary, the City has been actively involved with the Park Authority for some time and is a regional partner. During the early years, former Mayor Charles Beatley ("Beatley Library"), was a member, and Councilman Justin Wilson has also served as a board member. He said over the years, the City has had significant representation on the Regional Park Authority Board, and there has been transparency. Pritzker said he appeared before City Council many times during budget hearings. He said the City Council was supportive and pleased enough to appoint Dickinson and him and he served for over 34 years. He urged the P&RC to take advantage of the excellent relationship developed over the past 40 years, between the City and the Park Authority, and to renew the lease for Cameron Run Regional Park. He said over the last ten years, for every dollar the City has put in, the Regional Park Authority has made investments at Cameron Run Regional Park and Carlyle House at least three times that much.

4. **Elizabeth Wright**, resident and member of Holmes Run Citizen Association, said she acknowledges NOVA Parks' desire for a long-term answer to their lease renewal request, and that the facility needs updating (**See Written Comments**). She spoke on the importance of protecting the trees and natural areas around the site. She said in 2014, some healthy trees were removed near the picnic area at Cameron Run Park, this set off some community concerns. Wright met with Mr. Gilbert and the park manager and provided some ideas for the site. She said if NOVA Park's lease is renewed it should include the following: 1. Protection of natural resources and rare trees such as: 2 Hybrid Oaks, Bartram Oak, Beadles Oak, and naturally occurring Swamp Chesnut Oaks. She said while the draft lease mentions protection of the Bartrum Oak, it doesn't specify protection of the Beadles Oak. The public cites walking trails as a high priority and as a member of BPAC she supports trails. However, she requests any walking

trails avoid the area citizens refer to as “Wards Woods”. NOVA Parks should also discontinue the use of non-native plants, and focus on removal of invasive plants. She said during the fall 2014, tall grass had become quite popular but is invasive. A Capital Bikeshare station should be added near the park in the future along with more bike stands to encourage people to bike to the park. She appreciates NOVA Parks’ willingness to grant 2000 pool passes for children’s use in the draft lease, but agrees with the City Council discussion on June 18, that staff should be given discretion on how to distribute the passes. Wright would like to see the pool at Cameron Run Park opened from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. for the City’s use in providing swim lessons for children. She said if the lease goes forward she would like to see more collaboration.

5. **Judy Noritake**, resident and former Chair of the P&RC said she attended a meeting this morning sponsored by the Washington Business Journal, at Victory Center, regarding upcoming development along Eisenhower Avenue. She said there will be a massive number of people living; working and recreating in the Eisenhower Valley (i.e. Zell development). She said it is important for the City to decide when they should take control of the future development of the City owned, Cameron Run Park property. She said residential development (apartments and condos) is increasing in this area, particularly around the Eisenhower Ave. and Van Dorn Metrorail Stations. She welcomes the start of the planning process for Cameron Run Park, over the summer, and said the process may need to be extended to the fall. Items for consideration are who might partner with the City if required: Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, Fairfax County, or others. She said following the 2013 St. James Group proposal, to build a sports and entertainment complex at Joseph “Hensley” Park, later withdrawn, she spoke to a number of people about planning for Hensley Park together with planning for the Cameron Run site. RPCA staff then did do master planning for Hensley alone. Noritake said as the City moves forward perhaps the Cameron Run Regional Park and “Hensley” Park sites, should be looked at jointly while still providing field space (i.e. ASA field). Noritake said that it was mentioned at the meeting she attended that there may be a plan to widen Eisenhower Avenue to accommodate more traffic, which then may require building an overpass or underpass between these two parcels. She encouraged staff and Commissioners to not be afraid to “dream big”, while envisioning how this land will be used in the future for Alexandrians.

6. **Ed Goeas**, Alexandria Little League and the Youth Sports Advisory Boards, said he agrees with comments made by Timmons of ASA. He said it is important to properly plan the project and involve groups like the YSAB, and to look at community sports and Alexandria’s field capacity in conjunction with population growth, to ensure everyone’s voice is heard. He said the City should use resources, and involve all stakeholders and examine are there some alternatives recreation facilities that the City should be looking at for the youth of the City in the future.

7. **Paul Gilbert, Executive Director**, NOVA Parks, thanked Dickinson and Pritzker for their service on NOVA Parks Board and for providing the history of the Park Authority. Gilbert said the current proposal for lease renewal at Cameron Run Park, that included the purchase of the property at 517 Prince St. “Murray’s Livery”, was not approved by City Council on June 18, 2016, and the option to purchase the Prince St. property expires at the end of the month. He said NOVA Parks desires a long-term lease on Cameron Run Park property and did not anticipate any difficulties with initiation of the lease renewal three year ago. Gilbert said renewal of the lease is important for NOVA Parks to be able continue to invest in the Cameron Run Regional Park property. He said in over the last ten years, NOVA Parks has invested \$2.7 million in the facility, however, without a lease NOVA Parks can’t really invest at their desired level. NOVA Parks wanted to invest an additional \$2.0 million in improvements to the park, parking lot, and add a new water feature and they needed adequate time to depreciate capital expenses. He said the current lease expires June 30, 2021. He said response to questions raised by the P&RC about a year ago on the long term use of the site, NOVA Parks provided a letter to the City Manager,

dated June 30, 2015 “Potential Alternative Uses for Cameron Run Regional Park”, which includes cost estimates. He said one of the challenges is to define what mission NOVA Parks has and the City’s P&RC have that overlaps, and to understand what is different. He said NOVA Parks is a Regional Park agency that focuses on building unique destination places (i.e. Cameron Run and Carlyle House), and they are not focused athletic facilities. He said over 100,000 people visit Cameron Run Park each year, and he understands there has been some concern about the Park’s limited seasonal use, however the whole park is open 7.5 months a year. He said the park should be valued by the number of people served, and not by the number of months opened. He said a 2014 survey conducted by RPCA shows that 30% of City citizens use Cameron Run Park regularly, and about 20% use Pohick Bay and Bull Run Parks. He hopes NOVA Parks and the City can work together to reach a solution, and is disappointed that the current plan was not approved as structured. **NOVA Park’s letter to City dated June 30, 2015 is posted at:** <https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/recreation/info/NOVAPARKSLETTERJULY302015.pdf>

8. Stacy Chittick, resident of the Townes at Cameron Park (TCP), said she lives next to the park. She said the TCP neighborhood wants to partner with City Council and the P&RC in discussing potential options for the park. She said many neighbors are concerned about the current condition, maintenance and management of the park. She said parking is a problem on weekends and summer months, and it overflows into the neighborhood and also impacts visitor parking. She said the surrounding area near Lake Cook, has become a dumping ground for old items. Chittick said when the Park was first built, the Eisenhower Valley was somewhat deserted, however this has changed, and there is a lot of new residential and commercial development planned for Eisenhower Valley and the City’s West End. She said the TCP homeowner association, president, will write a letter to partner with the City for the future development of this site, and will provide input to any new lease.

Atkins noted that a number of email comments and two letters had been received and will be incorporated into the record and will be made available on-line.

Motion: O’Connell moved to close the public hearing, Baum seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Action: Atkins noted that there was not a quorum and this item will be put back on the agenda for July 2016. The public hearing closed at 8:29 p.m.

Discussion:

Coleman asked **Wedeles** if there is any management direction for the P&RC. She asked what resources are allocated towards the planning process and for hiring a consultant to conduct an independent analysis. **Wedeles** said staff is seeking advice on how the planning process should be conducted, i.e. internally or externally, and will come back to the P&RC in July. She said staff was directed to go back to City Council in the fall with recommendations.

Atkins said one of the issues for consideration, as mentioned by NOVA Parks, is the timeframe to reach a resolution on the lease issue. She said is important to understand where funds are allocated in the budget for the planning process, and if there is an existing City process already underway within Eisenhower East or West that would affect this or ones where this can be folded into.

Spengler referred the Chair to the City Manager’s recent memorandum, which states that “instead of considering a lease extension with NOVA Parks at this time, Council has directed staff to develop a planning process to include community stakeholders and the Park and Recreation Commission”, ... (See Memorandum).

He said RPCA staff will propose the planning process in the fall. He said the process may be similar to the Citywide Large Parks Plan framework, and will be regional in scope and will include all the park areas in the Cameron Run area that tie into, Eisenhower West and Eisenhower East, Small Area Plans, Ben Brenman, etc.

Coleman supports taking a regional scope on the issue, and including the Eisenhower West and Eisenhower East Advisory Groups, along with the Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) in the stakeholders group. She said the Developers community is key in discussion of potential proffers. The process should also consider partnerships and grant opportunities, to reduce demand placed on RPCA's budget.

O'Connell agrees with involving Planning & Zoning, and including Eisenhower West as part of the process. He said the process should include a diversity of stakeholders, and should ensure sufficient opportunity and methods are provided for stakeholders group participation. He also agreed that the future planning process not be adversarial.

Peter said the P&RC should help set the tone for the process, and the process should be non-adversarial. There is a huge opportunity to plan for the future needs of the area and region. Staff should be mindful of the importance in being creative in developing the community engagement process, to obtain a diversity of voices.

Baum said consideration should be given on whether to include Joseph "Hensley" Park, in the planning process for Cameron Run area. Include Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics (AAA), as a stakeholder. Consider holding multiple meetings, and also receiving additional comments at the July P&RC meeting. Determine when the P&RC should comment on Staff's proposal and include multiple opportunities for public input on staff's proposal.

Coleman asked about the status of the Lake Cook stormwater retrofit project. **Spengler** said the Department of Project Implementation (DPI) is managing the Lake Cook stormwater management retrofit project, and a plan has been approved by the City. DPI will be invited to the July P&RC meeting to provide an update.

Coleman said the Environmental Policy Commission (EPC) should be included as part of the planning process for natural resource conservation of Cameron Run Regional Park. **Spengler** said staff will try to identify all relevant stakeholders groups for the Cameron Run Regional Park project, and coordinate with the P&RC to help identify any gaps, and the most effective way to interaction with each group.

Atkins said staff will also work with NOVA Parks Executive Director Gilbert to identify the best way to include patrons who regularly use Cameron Run Regional Park facilities. She said the P&RC's goal is to be forward thinking about how the City uses its land and natural resources, to serve the growing community.

Atkins asked Gilbert about proposed improvements to the parking lot at the Cameron Run Park. **Gilbert** said NOVA Parks submitted a plan to the City's Planning & Zoning Office for a redesign of the parking lot using the existing footprint.

Atkins agrees with hiring a consultant. She said RPCA should coordinate the public planning process in conjunction with consultants, various stakeholders and interest groups. She said it is critical to make sure that the public is aware of the planning process. Staff should also be cognizant of NOVA Parks' timeline and needs as they plan for the future of Cameron Run Regional Park during the next few years.

Action: Atkins noted that there was not a quorum and the P&RC could not vote on this item tonight. It will be added back to the July agenda.

Note: Comments received by email and correspondence are incorporated by reference: Gina Baum, Jeff Newhouse, Thomas Park, Marilyn Stegman, Alexandra Bradley, Casey Kane, Michael Peter, Micheline Eyraud, Barbara Rowan, James Williams, and Thomas Stimson.

Letters: Agnes Artemel, Eisenhower Partnership, and Peggy Stevens, Executive Director, Northern Virginia Conservation Trust.

III. **Presentations:**

- a. **Simpson Park Playground + Passive Lawn Renovation:** Dana Wedeles, Park Planner gave presentation. The presentation is posted at <https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/recreation/info/SimpsonParkConcept23June2016.pdf>.

Simpson Park Improvements are being done as part of the “*Citywide Parks Improvement Plan*” approved in 2014, for City parks over 10 acres. Staff applied for and was awarded a Land and Water Conservation Grant. The grant requires a one to one match, and RPCA was awarded \$700,000 - \$800,000 for the project. In February, RPCA hired the Alexandria-based landscape architecture firm [Lardner/Klein](#) to lead the design process and [May + Watkins](#) to incorporate public art within the site. See Staff Report and Presentation for more info.

Next Steps:

September 8, 2016, Public Meeting on revised, preferred Concept Plan, 7 p.m. Mt. Vernon Center, followed by presentation to Arts Commission.

September 15, 2016 final design to be presented to the P&RC.

IV. **Items for Information:**

- a. **Public Comments – non-agenda items:**

Elizabeth Wright said at Tarleton Park some trees were being mowed over. She said they were told seasonal staff was being used, she encourages awareness of this issue and acknowledgment of this by staff when it occurs. She said the next time staff is in the park they should look at the base of the trees. Baum said photos would be good. O’Connell asked are there simple cheap interventions that can be used to prevent this issue. Wright said in Tarleton Park there was a tree protector that had been removed.

- b. **Updates:**

- i. **Potomac Yard Metrorail Project: Potomac Greens and Potomac Yard Parks:**

No comments. The final EIS was approved in June 2016. **For more info.** <http://potomacyardmetro.com/>

- ii. **Community Matching Fund: See Staff Report.** Atkins said this is an exciting project. Wedeles said with FY17 budget City Council approved the Community Matching Fund. See Information. Year #1 they have \$50,000 in matching funds (funds will be awarded up to maximum of \$25,000). On July 1 proposals will go out on the website. July 20 proposals will be accepted until September 1st. Following this, staff will review proposals and make recommendation on specific projects. The proposals will be brought before the P&RC in September. Once proposals are approved, award recipients can start fundraising and they will have until July the next fiscal year. If no funds are

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raised money will be put back in the fund. This provides community groups with a great opportunity.

- iii. Pocket Park Planning Schedule & Commission Member Tours: See Staff Report.
Wedeles provided update. She said RPCA completed the Citywide Park Plans in 2014; the Neighborhood Park Plans in 2016; and staff will now begin the process for Pocket Parks, which are parks that are less than .5 acres. Wedeles said there are 17 pocket parks in the plan though there are other pocket parks in the City that are being excluded as they are undergoing another process. She said most of the pocket parks are on the East side of the City. O'Connell asked on the West side are there comparable amenities that are owned and operated by HOA's. Wedeles said yes; she said many of the amenities that are in the smaller parks are included in some of the City's larger parks on the West side. Wedeles said staff will do research over the summer and will offer site tours to the P&RC, similar to what were given during the Neighborhood Parks planning process. Baum said the new Commissioners need to be brought up to date.
Action: Wedeles will send around potential dates for a Saturday morning tour.

- iv. Patrick Henry School and Recreation Center: Brian McPherson was absent.
Atkins said the School Board approved **Option A-1** for the new school building.
For more go to: <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/facilities/ph/>

- v. RPCA FY 2017 Budget Service Impacts: James Spengler, Director.
Action: Deferred.

V. Items for Action

- a. **Approval of Minutes:** April 21, 2016 & May 19, 2016.
Action: Deferred to July 21, 2016 meeting, due to lack of quorum.
- b. **June Election of FY 2017 Slate of Officers:**
Action: Deferred to July 21, 2016 meeting due to lack of quorum.

- VI. **Director's Report:** James Spengler, Director said he presented information on the City's after school programs to the School Board.

- VII. **Division Updates:** a. Recreation Services, Park Operations, Park Planning, Design & Capital Development: **To view full Staff Reports go to:**
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/recreation/info/PRCCOMBINEDREPORTSJUNE232016.pdf>

Discussion: Atkins said she has received several citizen complaints about the baseball field at Mt. Vernon Recreation Center, and asked about scheduled maintenance. Spengler said school sites are shared facilities, that staff maintains as is (primarily mowing), not improve. He said the site has significant turf issues that need long term care.

VIII. **Commission Business:**

- a. **Verbal Reports from Commissioners by District:**

District I: Baum, O'Connell, Poulin (absent):

Dominion Transmission Line Group: Atkins reviewed report from Poulin. City Council agreed with the Work Group's recommended route - to use the CSX lines. Members have asked if the City would provide verbal agreement to use this line, a decision still pending.

Waterfront Commission (WC): Baum said the WC was briefed on the MGM casino resort at National Harbor. She said the facility is expected to attract 25,000 visitors each day, but only has 300 rooms. A large numbers of day travelers are expected. There will be 4800 parking for 25,000 visitors; there is some additional parking in the area. There will be a new metro bus from the Huntington Metro and King Street Metro, to the MGM resort. A **Marina Study** will occur in September to see where they can put a marina after the Waterfront Plan is completed. **Waterfront Flood Mitigation** is continuing, soil sample boring is being conducted. They are getting input on pump station locations. **Windmill Hill** – there will be some pedestrian safety measures put in place at the corner of Gibbon and Union Streets.

Old Town North (OTN): O'Connell said that OTN is conducting a Charrette and it began this evening and runs through Saturday. O'Connell commended Nancy Williams, P&Z for coordinating the Charrette, and would like for the PRC to commend her. O'Connell encouraged members to attend. **Wedeles** said the discussion on open space will be held between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

O'Connell said the City's Splash Park at the Potomac Yards Splash Park is a fantastic amenity. He said he would love if RPCA and T&ES could improve the crosswalk situation due to the foot traffic. He asked if a curb cut could be done directly to the central plaza along with a crosswalk and/or change the appearance of the road surface through that section as a visual cue to drivers to slow down. He said the speed limit is 25 mph but many people speed through. He said parking is an issue there because people are driving to the area. He would love it if staff can be proactive in how to mitigate parking concerns. Additionally, he said the City should think long-term about building a spray park in the City's West End.

District II: Atkins, Peter, Beggs (absent):

North Potomac Yards: Peters (**See Attached Report**). He said a lot of good things are happening but he is cautious about future issues. The developer keeps saying that they need to have economic discussion. He said people are enjoying the wetland restoration. He shared concerns with Spengler about people parking near Four Mile Run area. He appreciates staff's responsiveness.

District III: Coleman, Brune and McPherson (absent).

Ben Brenman Park: Coleman asked about dredging park algae. Spengler said algae management will be reduced effective July 1, due to budget, and only be done during the summer months - project is long term. **Atkins** asked that staff invite the Department of Project Implementation (DPI) to the July meeting.

IX. **Next Meeting:** July 21, 2016, location to be determined.

X. **Adjourned:** 9:06 p.m.

Attachments:

1. Public Comments - Concept Plan for Braddock Neighborhood Park (600 N. Henry St.)

2. Public Comments - Cameron Run Regional Park Lease Proposal
3. Letter from Peggy Stevens, Executive Director, Northern Virginia Conservation Trust
4. Letter from Agnes Artemel, Eisenhower Partnership
5. Memo – Update on Cameron Run Planning Process, City Manager Mark Jinks, June 20, 2016
6. Statement from Elizabeth Wright, Holmes Run Citizens Association
7. N. Potomac Yard (SAP) Advisory Group Report, Commissioner Michael R. Peter